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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-13, 19-31, 37 and 38 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1, 19, 37 and 38 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 14-18 and 32-36 have been cancelled without prejudice. A version of the claims containing markings to show the changes made is included hereinabove. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.


The Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 requiring Applicant to elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-13, 19-31, 37 and 38) or Group II (claims 14-18 and 32-36). Applicant herein elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-13, 19-31, 37 and 38) without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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